

ceive a crown of glory. Yes I imagine I hear him say you S. S. C. E. sisters go to work; the time when women are to keep silence in the churches is past; go to work and preach the Gospel.

Instead of making your hats into feather beds and flower gardens, wear a plain hat and put the Lord's money where it belongs. Instead of loading your body with silks and satins and other superfluities, dress plain and help the Lord's cause. Instead of overloading your stomachs with ice cream, fine candies and all other luxuries, eat plain food, be healthy, and give God what belongs to him. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and all you waste you waste for the Lord, give God the first and the best; he does not want the leavings, he is a jealous God.

When we work for the S. S. C. E. we work for others, and not for self; thus we cultivate the grace of giving time and labour. It is possible for us to become selfish and want to keep all our earnings at home. In such a case we want a little sermon along the line of giving. I John 3:17, 18; "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." This does not say our brother at home, but our brother in need, and we are liable to find him all over this earth. "Go preach the gospel to every creature" does not mean our own little village and no more, but it means just what it says, and we might as well say baptism, the Lord's supper, feetwashing, and all other commands do not mean what they say as to say we must keep all our earnings at home. Cast your bread upon the waters, send it out, spread it around. Luke 6:38; "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom." Oh ye of little faith afraid to give to the Lord for fear of getting poor. Some of our well to do brethren and sisters call us beggars and nuisances when we are out on some of our missions, such as collecting church funds, soliciting money to build churches, parsonages, etc. But instead of that we are a blessing. It is thru us that the grace of giving is cultivated even in them.

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GLORIFYING GOD IN S. S. C. E. WORK

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We can take no better motto in our S. S. C. E. work than that which Paul gave to the Corinthians, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." It is a fact recognized by most Christians that to glorify God should be the business of every follower of His, but too many do not realize that this is possible in the little common duties of life. We are so apt to think that only the big things are pleasing to God. But remember our motto

says, "whatsoever ye do" and we each have something we can do or some place we can fill better than any other.

We should have but one aim in life and that should be to do *all* for the glory of God. Our lives should not be twisted and tossed according to every breeze but should have a high and holy purpose. Let us remember to reflect God's light wherever we are, for it is thru His followers that God gives his light to the world. "Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

No branch of the church work offers better opportunities for the sisters to fulfil this command than the S. S. C. E. for its purpose is to promote Christian growth along every line. It helps to create a sisterly feeling to meet together in the work and devotional meetings. There are some sisters who feel too timid to take part in the devotional meetings and sometimes others who are not strong enough to always help with the work; to such let me say that even your presence is a great help to the officers and encouragement to others. You can at least give a handshake or pleasant word to the strangers who are at the meeting and just such a little thing may be used by God to lead a soul to Him.

It is hard to get outsiders interested in the work when only a few of the members are found at the meetings. "Example is always better than precept" and any local society that has members who are always found at the place of meeting will inevitably have a flourishing society.

A band of earnest Christian women who work together can be a very practical help to the home church in a financial way and as part of our money goes for the education of our young ministers and some thru the superannuated ministers' fund for those who have given their best days to the church, we can feel that we are not only helpers at home, but are helping to spread the gospel and to cheer others. We ought to thank God for such opportunities.

While it may be just as much the will of God that some should serve as that others should lead the devotional service, it certainly would be pleasing to Him to have us all praise Him in public—sometimes with our lips. Some who feel too timid to raise their voices in the midweek prayer meeting may feel free to talk and pray when the sisters meet alone in their own meeting, and after while such may become active Christian workers—for it is just as true in our Christian lives as anywhere else—that we learn to do by doing.

Christian culture can thus be promoted and the highest aim of the S. S. C. E. be reached.

Every sister in the church should be enrolled as a member and both receive and impart the inspiration that is so necessary to the success of any society.

Do not say that the officers of your society are not making the meetings interesting or

that you do not care to go because some of the members seem to take no interest, until you have asked yourself "what am I doing to make matters better."

If you are doing all you can and yet your society does not grow and thrive as you would like to see it, do not be discouraged but open your eyes of faith and remember that when we do our best God will take care of the results.

Sisters God wants glorifying by all in some little bit of work which you can do so be not idle but let your light shine.

Christian Life

"Ye Shall Have Rest"

MARY M. WRIGHT

Rest! Rest! Rest! is an old-time song
That floated and echoed years ago,
Over the valley and over the sea,
And over the hills of Galilee,
And the refrain was Victory!

It tells of woe, it tells of strife,
And of all the load and labor of life,
It floats and echoes far away, and free,
As once it did in Galilee
The blessed song of Victory!

The music is for every year,
It will soothe to peace, it will quench dread fear.
Of joys to come; 'tis a glad behest,
A cry of freedom, to the oppress,
O! glorious song! "Ye shall have Rest!"

Rest! Rest! The King Himself hath said,
I will give it thee, He hath promised;
If the weary ones will follow Me,
From yoke and burden they shall be free
When they have reached the Crystal Seal

—Living Church.

A KINSMAN OF CHRIST

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"Dear Fred, your room is always ready for you."

The above sentence appeared recently in the personals of a daily newspaper. We can imagine, back of this brief invitation, the passionate longing of a mother for her wayward boy.

A great picture-message was once displayed on Calvary telling wayward children of a Father's longing. It read; Dear—: "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

And the man that is heart-hungry for the plenty and joy of home, just fills his name in the blank, and hurries off to answer the message. He puts on the family dress, is adopted into the family from which he had alienated himself, and begins to be assimilated into the image of his Father. He becomes an heir of all the promises and blessings, and a prince in the kingdom of heaven.

Sonship of God makes all men our brothers. The saints in heaven are our relatives, for the family is in heaven as well as on earth. One of the most beautiful birthrights of a child of God is fellowship with all the saints on earth. No religious denomination has a right to deny its young people that com-